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REGISTERED ORDER.

REGISTRAR OF WILL OFFICE.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DE., Jan. 1, 1909.

Upon the application of Edward A. Pool, Administrator of the Estate of William C. Jones, late of St. Georges Hundred in said county deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Registrar of Wills that the administrator should give notice of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator, on or before the thirtieth day of January 1910, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Given under the hand and seal of said office of the Registrar of Wills, at Middletown, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Registrar of Wills.

Notice.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator, on or before the thirtieth day of January 1910, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

HOWARD A. POOL, Administrator.

Address: Howard A. Pool, Middletown, Delaware.

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1909

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Premium Seed Firms are offering Special Premiums for produce grown from their seeds.

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Special Exhibit of Sheep, Swine, Grain, Forage, Fruit and Vegetables by Delaware College Experiment Station.

Competitive Exhibits in the Children's Department in Penmanship, Drawing and Designing between Public Schools.

Special Exhibits in Cooking and Needlework.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., SATURDAY, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1909. From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

ALLEN'S BAKERY

We sell Candies at wholesale prices. Examine our stock of candies in 4, 1 and 5 lb. boxes before buying elsewhere.

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We are now making and serving to our customers Graham Wheat Bread.

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Final Notice

TO TAX-PAYERS

St. Georges Hundred!

All County, Road and Poor Taxes for the years 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908, unpaid

JUNE 10th, 1909

Will be collected by L. W. WALTER BEASTEN, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

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For further particulars, apply to G. M. EVANS, Elkton, Md.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

A lump of rock salt should be kept in the manger of every animal of the horse kind.

When lambs are about four months old, it is intended for early market, they should be pushed strongly on feed.

No class of live stock requires good fresh air and ventilated houses more than sheep to keep them perfectly healthy.

Sheep will damage orchards when the trees are small but by rubbing against them and by eating the tender bark.

As a rule most live stock do better when the grain fed to them is ground, but sheep will do as well when fed whole grain.

It is just as important to water the colts regularly every day as to feed regularly in order to keep them in thrifty condition.

Corn silage in limited quantity may be fed to sheep, but not in a large quantity. Yearling lambs when shedding their first teeth will not fatten rapidly on that account.

Have the feet of unshod colts leveled at least once a month with a rasp, unless the animals get exercise on bare ground; also see that the feet are kept well rounded and the toes are not too long.

A silo 16 feet in diameter and thirty-two feet high is large enough to supply silage for twenty cows two hundred and twenty days allowing an average feed of thirty-five pounds per cow per day.

System is a very valuable substance to mix with dairy feeds. The best results are obtained by knowing what you want and by following your own prescription carefully until you see a chance to improve it.

More high-priced dairy cows suffer from overfeeding than from any other cause. Liberality is commendable up to a certain point, but overfeeding is not a kindness; it is a damage, and it will not pay in the long run.

An occasional feed of sliced raw potatoes substituted for the grain ration of colts will prove beneficial to such colts as will eat them. Those that are not inclined to eat them can soon be taught to do so by cutting them very fine and mixing with the grain ration.

Select one good breed of fowls and then stop. The greatest nuisance in the farm poultry department is the attempt to keep more than one kind of poultry. Stick to one breed, and let the stock be pure bred in order to secure fancy prices for those birds which come up to breeding or exhibition requirements.

Pigs may be pastured on rape with a certainty of their rapid growth, if fed some protein food at the same time it is still better.

Hogs finished for market at 7 to 8 months old and weighing 250 to 300 pounds are more profitable to the grower than at an older age.

Wise poultry keepers do not feed milk, sweet or sour, in troughs or open vessels. They get the whole good in milk products into a crumbly mash. Slop the hogs, but not the chickens and turkeys.

A good dairyman who makes a success of his business says that his first green spring feed is fall-sown rye. Then he follows with oats, and peas, alfalfa corn and sorghum. His method is soiling feed.

Beautiful the farm home, it pays in many ways. It pays in money if you ever want to sell. In the meantime you are respected in the community because you have a farm, house and grounds that people like to look at.

It may be more trouble at first, but it is better to teach baby orphan lambs to drink out of a basin than from a bottle, as it will be less trouble as they grow older. The milk should be blood warm and fresh from the cow for the first few days. If any is spilled on their wool it should be wiped off, as the odor of stale milk is unwholesome and disagreeable.

Plan a succession of crops from the earliest to the latest of all the varieties that are best liked in the household and then there can be something on the table from this well cared for plot during the many weeks of the season besides furnishing an abundant supply of the standard sorts of vegetable for winter. Do not forget the garden, but make it the most productive, profitable and attractive part of the farm.

The sheep growing industry of this country is yet in its infancy. We have not even entered the field of possibilities in sheep husbandry. The few sheep in relative proportion to the acres acquired is conclusive evidence that their worth as farm live stock has not been appreciated. At the present time there is in round numbers about 60,000,000 sheep in this country on farms and western ranges. Thousands upon thousands of farms to-day have not a single head. These farms are well adapted to sheep husbandry and could profitably maintain a few sheep as a sideline if it were not the desire of the owner to make this adjunct a prominent feature of his farming operations. There is abundance of room in this country for no less than 125,000,000 head of sheep in the least without impairing the present market value of flock products. Under skilled management this increased number of sheep could be maintained on one-half of the total area now devoted to sheep raising.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

Ladies who have become intensely weary of the latest Paris fashion absurdities in the way of hats such as the ubiquitous peach basket shape which is really becoming to nobody, will welcome with a sigh of relief the very latest military fad in the all black hat which has been found harmonizes beautifully with the fashionable shades for frocks, particularly the popular rose colored gowns.

Presses Slippers Fashionable

Brown shoes, slippers and ties are the newest thing in footwear invented by Fashion, if that can be called new which is, after all, but a revival of an old style. The brown shoe appears in many forms, pumps with jaunty ribbon bows, strap slippers, high button boots and low cut ties. This new kind of footwear can be used for many purposes but is intended primarily for dressy wear.

Color De Rose

Rose color is having a tremendous popularity this summer appearing as it does not only in dresses, coats and wraps but also in millinery, parasols, veils, purses and other accessories. In millinery, especially, rose color is all the rage. Rose pink straw is trimmed with flowers and ribbon of exactly the same shade and both white and black straws are also trimmed with this popular color.

Elaborate displays of leather goods in the new York shops have lately attracted special attention in the New York shops and here too, rose color has taken precedence.

New Ideas in Frocks

All the latest models in pongee or linen gowns show effective variations of the new long waist line. This is seen not only in princess dresses but also in coat suits, the skirts of the latter, being cut with a deep hip yoke below which the material is boxpleated or set on in circular style. The newest princess frock's

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

One of the best cleansers for the skin and excellent for pimples and blackheads is green soap. This has been long recognized as a healing agency, and is less well-known than it should be. Occasionally women complain that the soap makes them worse; the reason is that they use it too vigorously. Delicate, sensitive skin should never have green soap put on it full strength. It should be diluted with hot water and not used every day. Experiment until the soap lather does not make the skin feel drawn.

Lucy Carter.

When I Was Your Age

When I was your age there were few grown men could do what he could do; He didn't waste his time at play, But did a man's work every day; He'd muscles that were hard and strong; He sought the right and shunned the wrong;

His parents never had to scold Or fret when he was 12 years old. "When I was your age—" "Jimmie!" "How often he says that to me!" At every meal I have to hear the same old thing, or pretty near; When he was my age he would eat just what some things and pass the sweet; He wouldn't even taste of cake; And he wouldn't give his stomach a shake.

When I was my age he would save up every cent he got—and—brave! If he'd met a lion, it Could not of frightened him a bit! The thing he liked to do the best Was good hard work, with little rest; In school he stood above them all, And he was nearly six feet tall.

"When I was your age—" Every day Pa hands that out the same old way; His head is bald, his stomach's bad, He's lost the muscle that he had; Ma can't afford to keep a maid; Pa's not a great man, I'm afraid— At least no banners seem to fly; And no bands play when he goes by.

Down where he labors, wet and dry, They keep him in a little cage; I wonder why he wishes I Would be like he was at my age?

THE ISLANDS SHRINKING

The gradual disappearance from view of a number of Chesapeake Bay islands is causing no little concern to residents of the Eastern Shore. Well along in the nineties many of the sea islands were prosperous communities and contributed in no small measure to the prosperity of the counties in which they are situated.

To-day some of them are almost entirely hidden from view, nothing remaining to mark the once busy towns but a few ramshackle buildings here and there that were not worth removing to the mainland.

Here many residences have been moved further up on the island within the last decade because of the apparent sinking of the lower end of the island. From the steamboat landing on in Tangier Sound, to the island, to which it is connected by a pier something over a mile long, there once were fertile fields.

Smith's Island, below Crisfield, which lies partly in Maryland and partly in Virginia, once was one of the largest islands on the Eastern Shore, but for the past 10 or 15 years the waters have risen over it to such an extent that hundreds of islanders have razed their homes and with all their belongings moved over to the mainland where they rebuilt and began life anew.

Holland's Island, once the richest island on the Shore from a monetary standpoint, and the most thickly settled, now has but very few over 100 persons living there. Ten or 15 years back it was about eight miles long by five miles wide, to-day it is not over five in length and its greatest width is barely a mile. Captain William C. Bennett, one of the wealthiest men on the island, bought a batch of town lots in Cambridge four years ago, razed every dwelling house that he owned on the island, brought them to Cambridge in his vessels and rebuilt them.

Sharp's Island, it was once thought, would become a great watering-place for Baltimore capitalists, took about 300 acres of land to build a summer resort. They started in by erecting a magnificent hotel, and would have proceeded further with their improvements had not their attention been attracted by the gradual rising of the water over the island, when upon they abandoned their scheme and left the hotel to its fate. The waves from the bay and river have almost completely demolished the hotel. Thirty years ago old residents of Sharp's Island, say, they could get from this is now the mainland, and to the island by crossing a wide bridge that spanned the stream which made it an island, but now there is nearly four miles of water between the two points.

Wealth of United States

The wealth of the United States in 1850 was \$7,000,000,000, speaking in round terms; in 1860, \$16,000,000,000; in 1870, \$30,000,000,000; in 1880, \$45,000,000,000; in 1890, \$85,000,000,000; in 1900, \$100,000,000,000; and in 1904, \$107,000,000,000.

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A BIG DAY FOR LEWES

President Taft, with his staff, the minister from Holland, with his staff, and a host of prominent men from many States in the Union, are now a-sailed as visitors for the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Delaware River by Hendrick Hudson.

Word has been received that the celebration will be aided by the Government and that the fleet of warships, which are to take part in the celebration at New York a few days later, will come to Lewes and anchor at the Breakwater during the celebration there in August.

A parade will be held in the afternoon in which the sailors from the warships will take part, while the militia from Delaware will also be in line. In the afternoon a monument to De Vries, the Hollander, who first settled at Lewes, will be unveiled with speeches by notable men. A nautical parade will be held late in the afternoon and the celebration will be closed with a big display of fireworks at night, while the big searchlights of the battleships will make the Breakwater harbor as light as day.

GARDEN CAMP IN AUGUST.

At a meeting of the trustees of Camden Union Campmeeting Association it was decided to hold the camp this year, commencing Wednesday, August 4th and continuing fourteen days. Rev. E. C. Sunfield was selected to have charge of the camp. Messrs. John C. Dill, Willow Grove, William Smith and Sheriff Maloney, Dover, were elected trustees for three years. The association is arranging to hold patriotic services on the grounds Saturday, July 31. Among the attractions will be prominent speakers and a band of music. On this day all the privileges for the regular camp will be sold to the highest bidder.

Lovely Summer Frocks.

A very pretty but by no means exclusive summer frock is made of rose colored linen or one of the heavy cotton fabrics closely imitating linen. It is cut with the front panel extending down to the feet in princess style, but the side panels are cut off about half way below the hips and lengthened by a deep side pleating of the material that extends from each side of the front panel around to the back. The neck is cut out in a small square to display a nice guimpe. A touch of braiding in pink soutache outlines the square neck, trims the sleeves above long lace cuffs and heads the pleated flounce effect.

Variety of Styles.

An immense variety of materials are used for summer frocks. Pongee is enormously popular, so also is linen, batiste, Marquise, cotton voile, chambray and that extremely useful fabric, foulard.



The above designs are by The McCall Company, New York. Patterns may be obtained at any McCall Agency.

TELLS OF COUNTY ROADS

All the Various Hundreds are Doing Good Work and Making Improvements

County Engineer James Wilson sent his annual report to the Levy Court Tuesday showing the progress of road improvement in New Castle county during the year as well as the receipts and disbursements for the purpose.

The report shows that in each hundred good results have been accomplished in the way of road and bridge building, and summarized, it shows that the various hundreds spent these sums on road improvements:

Appoquinimink—Receipts, \$3,549.13; disbursements, \$3,539.19; balance, \$9.94.

Blackbird—Receipts, \$3,897.11; disbursements, \$3,880.62; balance, \$16.49.

Brandywine—Receipts, \$11,264.27; disbursements, \$10,760.76; balance, \$503.51.

Christiana—Receipts, \$13,477.54; disbursements, \$11,982.04; balance, \$1,495.50.

Mill Creek—Receipts, \$7,867.80; disbursements, \$6,493.32; balance, \$1,374.48.

New Castle—Receipts, \$4,929.64; disbursements, \$5,512.78; balance, \$1,118.88.

Pondora—Receipts, \$3,028.44; disbursements, \$3,774.11; balance, \$1,652.33.

Red Lion—Receipts, \$3,421.17; disbursements, \$2,950.07; balance, \$471.10.

St. Georges—Receipts, \$12,200.04; disbursements, \$11,039.93; balance, \$1,160.11.

White Clay Creek—Receipts, \$3,461.16; disbursements, \$3,405.33; balance, \$55.83.

Totals—Receipts, \$67,994.10; disbursements, \$61,635.75; balance, \$6,358.35.

Mr. Wilson recommends that the road tax for the next year be continued at the old rate, forty cents on the \$100.

WHERE NEW JUDGES WILL RESIDE

Judge William H. Boyce, who has been selected for resident judge for Kent county, will move from here to Dover and will be the reporting judge of the bench.

Henry C. Conrad, who has been assigned to Sussex county, expects to live in Georgetown, though he has invitations from a number of other towns in the county. Chief Justice James Pennell continues his residence in Dover, while Chancellor Charles M. Curtis and Associate Justices Victor B. Woolley and Daniel O. Hastings will continue to live in Wilmington.

The respective ages of the judges are as follows: Chief Justice Pennell, 54; Judge Boyce, 53; Judge Conrad, 58; Chancellor Curtis, 50; Judge Woolley, 42; Judge Hastings, 35; average age, about 49.

MOON DOES NOT AFFECT POTATOES

After exhaustive experiments in potato planting the United States Department of Agriculture has to say that, in season, one time is as good as another to put potatoes in the ground. Almost everyone, even if he were not alerted in the country, has heard of the idea about planting potatoes in the dark of the moon. The field workers of the Department of Agriculture have been investigating the matter and have found that 75 per cent. of the farmers of this alleged enlightened country put in their crops and do a good many other things about the farm governed solely by the moon's phases. Many farmers will tell you that if you plant potatoes in the dark of the moon they will run to tubers, and if in the light of the moon they will run to tops, and crops are planted accordingly.

There is usually a basis in fact for any superstition; and the moon superstition is no deeply rooted that a number of experts from the Department of Agriculture, while going up and down across the land, have made it their business to study the question, and see whether there might not be a germ of truth or, at least, some reason for the general belief that the moon's phases have an effect on animal and vegetable life. They have concluded after patient investigation that the moon myth is one of the comparatively few myths that date back to pure savagery and has absolutely not an atom of scientific foundation on which to stand. The agricultural experiment stations all over the country have been defying this superstition for several years and raising just as good crops when the moon was one way as when it was the other. Therefore, once and for all, it is conclusively decided that there is nothing to the theory that potatoes should be planted in the dark of the moon. All of this may seem very serious investigation for a great government to undertake, but the work nevertheless has been interesting to the scientists, and if they have succeeded in weaning a few from the old superstitions about planting potatoes, they have been well paid for their work.

ALL HATLES IN CHURCH

Nearly all the 400 women in the First Baptist church at Elgin, Ill., went hatless to services. The following special announcement appeared at the head of the weekly calendar:

"By a vote of the church all ladies are requested to remove their hats before the beginning of the sermon."

Only 50 women showed unwillingness to comply with the request, and for their benefit the Rev. A. F. Purkiss, the pastor, said:

"Those who want to see hats as much right to ask that the hats be removed as I would have to ask the chickens to keep out of my garden. If we can see each other we will get a religious force and power which we can get in no other way. I see some faces to-day which I have never been able to get a glimpse of before, and I did not know that there were so many good looking ladies in the congregation. The ruling of the church applies to everybody."

The other hats were off in a few moments.

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SENATORIAL TARIFF MADNESS

A body called the Senate, sitting at the seat of government, is ostensibly seeking in the interests of the people to frame a new tariff whose provisions will most fairly represent economic justice; as a fact, it is largely a junta of greedy millionaires engaged in a conspiracy to enrich themselves at the expense of the people. This gang of rich traffickers under the leadership of the notorious Aldrich, and helped by some dozen or more recreant Democrats, willing for a share in the plunder to stultify themselves and party, are impudently violating the pledges of the Republican party by increasing the tariff burdens under which the country groans—and that too, in the very teeth of the opposition of both the President and the people. Many of these senators are financially interested in the matters they are considering, and their decisions are always in favor of their own interests and against the public good.

What if judges were thus to trade in the matters which they officially determine? Why, a wave of public indignation would hurl them from the judicial seats they dishonored! But in the Senate—O! that's common enough! Venal souls have before this degraded the senatorial toga but rarely and secretly; but till now never was the spectacle seen on such a scale of senators shamelessly prostituting their high legislative office in an avowed purpose to fill their own pockets! In another respect also this present situation in the Senate is without a parallel, viz: The almost universal condemnation both by the leading party journals and by the popular voice, of this treasonable course of these congressional traffickers! Even the most stalwart of protection

journalists are editorially outspoken in their severe rebukes! Let it be repeated that the "treasonable Senate"—as that body has come to be styled by many—in all its bold follies of past decades, never quite reached its present pitch of insensate folly. An open and hardened disregard of law and decency, marks their conspiracy against the people in that senators, acting in the lofty capacity of legislators—which should be as free from personal interest as the office of a judge—do not blush to admit that they are seeking to force higher tariff exactions out of the consuming millions in favor of commodities or industries in which they themselves are largely interested!

But in an old Latin maxim is comfort found—"Quem deus vult perdere prius dementat"—"whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." The avenging gods have spurred the audacious plans of these Trust magnates into the madness that but a little precedes destruction!

THE VULGAR BOSS OF THE HOUSE

Joe Cannon, the agent in the House for the Tariff-Trust infamy, is the vulgar fellow who years ago made a speech upon the floor of Congress so rankly indecent that it instantly cleared the galleries of ladies, and was afterwards excluded from the official records as being too filthy to print!

This man a few days ago made a speech at Norristown wherein he falsely charged that the great Washington was habitually profane, and furthermore ridiculed the idea that the Father of his Country ever did so absurd a thing as call upon his Maker in prayer!

"I'd like to see that bush where they say Washington prayed!" sneered this coarse-minded vulgarian—"O rot—cussin' is prayer sometimes." Thus the public is given one more illustration of the moral fibre of the low politician who as slave-driver for the predatory Trusts is cracking the whip about the ears of the servile mannikins masquerading as Representatives in Congress! What a satire upon their spineless manhood that these representatives of the people's rights tamely submit to the arbitrary dictation of a low, foul-mouthed atheist like Joe Cannon!

CROPS AND BUSINESS

When wheat reached in St. Louis this week \$1.02 cents a bushel, the highest price ever known, a sharp reminder was

given of the wisdom of Mr. Harman's caution that good crops are needed to maintain and increase the current business improvement.

Good crops are a fundamental for business prosperity and no one yet knows what the crops are to be. The food supply this Spring is short. For the first eight months of the crop year the supply of grain and of wheat and flour matched the same months in 1908, or exceeded them. In April a drop came. Grain receipts were three-quarters of April, 1908, and half April, 1907. Wheat receipts in April were half those of March. The country suddenly came to the end of its stores.

Meat products tell the same story. For the first four months of this year fresh beef, dressed pork and the like, leaving Chicago, fell off a fifth compared with 1908. The whole range, live stock receipts in the West, the packers' shipments and arrivals in the East, were less, from 8 to 20 per cent. than last year for four months and for April.

This shortage ran on through May and June promises no change. While shipments from St. Louis and Chicago decreased, consumption in the interior States increased. The Eastern supply was cut at both ends.

Unless crops are good, and they have not begun well, prices to the consumer will be high. Last year there was a large surplus from the year before. This year there is none.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR GOLD

"More than \$58,000,000 of actual gold in the shape of bars or coins has been shipped this year from the United States to foreign countries. The gold has gone to settle up American debts or trade balances.

"A Secretary of the Treasury once suggested that there ought to be a simple way to avoid the actual transfer of gold back and forth across the ocean. He recommended the use of an international clearing certificate that should represent real metal and which could be accepted in settlement for all debts between the nations.

"That is the method banks employ to adjust their debts among each other. Every day balances amounting to millions are checked up and settled to the last cent, but no gold changes hands. There is kept in every Clearing House in the country a supply of gold, and against this gold in the vault are issued Clearing House certificates. These are as good as the real metal among the banks in the different cities. They can be carried easily and without risk of loss.

"It would not only be simple but expedient for the nations to employ similar gold clearing certificates and in that way avoid the exports and imports of gold with all the attendant risk, expense and annoyance. The statesman who can bring about this change which bankers generally recommend, will establish for himself a lasting monument."

—Phila. Press.

VACATIONS

There are three good reasons why all employees should have vacations.

One is so that the employer can see how easily anybody's and everybody's place can be filled; the next is so that when the employee returns he can see how well he can be spared, since things go right along without him; the third is so the employer can show the employer, and the employer can understand that the employee is not manipulating the accounts or engineering deals for his own benefit.

Many a defalcation could have been avoided had the trusted man been sent away two weeks each year, and an outsider put in his place.

Beyond these, the vacation has little excuse. As a matter of recuperation the vacation does not recuperate, since, as a rule, no man needs a vacation so much as the man who has just had one. The man who is so run down that he needs a vacation can never adjust or reform himself in two weeks. What he really needs is to retransform his life.

To work during the year at so rapid a pace that in August one's vitality is exhausted, and a rest is demanded, is rank folly. What we all need is enough vacation each day so that we can face each new morning with health sufficient to do our work in gladness. That is to say, we need enough of a play spell every day to keep us in good physical condition.

The man who is done up and fagged out has not found his work. And the man who lives during the year in anticipation

of a vacation does not deserve one, for he has not ascertained that it is work, and not vacations, that makes life endurable.

The only man who can really enjoy an outing is the man who doesn't need it. And the man who keeps his system so strong and well balanced that he doesn't need a vacation is the one who eventually will marry the proprietor's daughter and have his name on the sign. Before you manage a business, you better learn how to manage your cosmos. However, this does not mean that we never take a vacation ourselves—we do, otherwise, how would we know the facts?

UNJUSTLY CENSURED

The editor of a local paper is often unjustly censured for his mistakes. The wonder is that he does not make more of them. On the average paper he must deal with all kinds of subjects, give the names, dates, etc. One hour he may be engaged in reporting a religious meeting and the next drawing the picture of a fight. He must condense and fill with his items several columns, whether events are transpiring to throw up material for his use or not. Count the local items in a paper and imagine how many steps they have required, how much mental anxiety, worry and work they have cost and some idea of the editor's work can be gathered. The smallest may have cost him a long walk and much effort to reach the facts. There is no end to his work. When one paper goes to press he turns his attention to the next one. He makes the rounds in search of news and may not get a line. From some he must get news without their knowing it, drawing them into conversation and obtaining what he wants in sections. He may labor for hours in chasing down a rumor only to find that there is nothing in it. His local columns stare him in the face and demand to be filled, not with skim milk but with cream of the news events and matters of interest. His bounds are limited and yet he must find in each day and all through the week, month and year something of interest to the public. No more perfect treadmill could be devised. With such a constant strain, producing weariness of the body and mind and an almost endless variety of subjects to be touched upon, is it surprising that he should occasionally make a mistake? Other people do, why shouldn't an editor?

ODESSA

Mrs. M. Davis spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Lizzie Morris is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. Harry Wilson was in Philadelphia one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heidmyer were in Wilmington Friday.

Mr. John M. Kanig spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Joseph G. Brown and daughter, Miss Alice, spent Monday in Newark.

Mr. Stanley Stevens and wife, of Delaware City, spent last Sunday here.

Mrs. W. H. Eccles and daughter, Miss Emma, spent last Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. John G. Armstrong and daughter Miss Minnie, spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Q. T. Atherley, of Claymont, spent a few days last week with friends here.

Mr. Thomas Ford, of Asbury Park, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Miss Emma Robb has returned home, after spending sometime with relatives here.

Miss Laura Doughton, of Chester, spent last Friday with her sister, Miss M. Doughton.

Mr. George Croft, of Philadelphia, spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. Frank Croft.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffecker, of Chester, spent a few days this week with Mrs. D. Morgan.

Mrs. Joseph Cole and daughter are spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. M. Gremmlinger.

Miss Georgia Enos, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enos.

Misses Lulu Vinyard and Lydia Dockerty, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Martha Evans.

Miss Belle Rose and Mrs. H. Cook, of Philadelphia, spent a few days this week with their sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens.

Miss Laura Dutton has returned to her home in Middletown, after spending sometime with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spicer.

Mr. A. Lee Orrell and Miss Charles Anna Morgan, both of this town, were quietly married on Tuesday afternoon, June 1st, at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Mary Morgan, mother of the bride, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. J. Givan. The bride wore a gown of white silk and carried roses. The young couple have many friends in this town, all of whom extend to them congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

WARWICK

Mrs. J. P. Wilson was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Mr. John Lattinon spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. Gay Johnson spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. William Prayer visited friends in St. Georges on Sunday.

Mr. James Boyles was a visitor in Wilmington a few days this week.

Mr. R. H. Lipscomb and son Clarence spent Memorial Day in town.

Mr. Ernest Collins and mother spent Sunday with Mrs. B. W. Gunkel.

Miss Blanche Gracen spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. R. H. Lipscomb.

Mr. Clarence S. Callum, of Washington, D. C., was at home from Friday until Monday.

The Children's Day services held in M. P. Church was quite successful and largely attended.

Miss S. Ethel Vinyard entertained Mr. Julian A. Fobias, of Philadelphia, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ginn were visitors at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. R. Merritt, on Sunday.

Miss May Roe and sister, Miss Carrie, have been spending a few days of this week with Mrs. J. R. H. Price.

Mr. G. Fillers, state road inspector, had to return home this week on account of the illness of his mother.

Quite a number from here attended the commencement of the Cecilton High School on Monday evening.

Mr. W. J. Lofland, of Philadelphia, spent from Saturday until Monday, with his mother Mrs. Mary A. Lofland.

CECILTON

Our public school closed last Friday for the summer.

Miss Grace Borrie spent last Saturday with friends in town.

Miss Alverta Ferguson spent Sunday with Miss Ada Davis.

Miss Lillie Short, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son are visiting her parents in Townsend, Del.

Mr. Oldham Davis, of Elkton, was the guest of his parents here on Sunday.

Miss Mollie McCay, of Elkton, is spending the summer vacation with her mother here.

Mr. Parker Lueby, of Elkton, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Milcha Lueby.

Mr. Eugene Savin, wife and son, of Townsend, have been visiting her father, Mr. J. D. Belts.

Mr. Lewis Cruikshank, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cruikshank.

Mrs. Harry Clark and children, of near Earleville, were guests of Miss Martha Vandegrift on Sunday.

Mrs. Fletcher and son Howard, of Lankford, Kent County, have been the guests of Mr. R. W. Blackway.

The Commencement exercises of Cecilton High School were held on Monday evening last, in the M. E. Church. Governor Austin, L. Cruikshank addressed the graduates, who were Misses Mary Blackway, Reba Burris, Blanche Brown, Christine Luthringer, Kathryn Taylor, Clifton Burke, Harold Padley and Julian Robinson.

New Castle County Agricultural Fair

Gentlemen's Driving Park
Wilmington, Del.

Aug. 31 and Sep. 1, 2, 3
1909

Special Premiums in very Department

Premium Seed Firms are offering Special Premiums for produce grown from their seeds.

Premiums in the swine Department more than double those of last year.

Special Exhibit of Sheep, Swine, Grain, Forage, Fruit and Vegetable by Delaware College Experiment Station.

Competitive Exhibits in the Children's Department in Penmanship, Drawing and Designing between Public Schools.

Special Exhibits in Cooking and Needlework.

Active Preparations Have Been Made for the Greatest Fair Ever Held in Delaware

It is especially urged that plans be made EARLY for Exhibits. This month is the time to attend to it. DON'T PUT IT OFF!

Requests for Premium Lists, etc., may be made to the office of the Fair Association, No. 1 West Fifth Street, Wilmington, Del.

Preliminary Premium List Ready February 1st

Final Notice

—TO—
TAX-PAYERS
—OF—

St. Georges Hundred!

All County, Road and Poor Taxes for the years 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908, unpaid

JUNE 10th, 1909

Will be collected by L. A. W.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 12, 1909.

Upon the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Ella F. Coultrah, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county deceased, is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator do forthwith give notice of the said estate to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same, or to be continued therein ten days.

Given under the hand and seal of said office of the Register of Wills at Middletown, Delaware, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1909, and filed for record in the said office of the Register of Wills at Middletown, Delaware, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1909.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Thirtieth day of January, 1910, or submit the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

HOWARD A. POOL, Administrator.

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White Pine, Yellow

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of all kinds in stock

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Wire Fence, Woven

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Wire.

Best veins of

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ALLEN'S BAKERY

We sell Candies at wholesale prices. Examine our stock of candies in 1 and 5 lb. boxes before buying elsewhere.

Wholesale and Retail

We are now making and serving to our customers Graham Wheat Bread.

Having now completed our first year in the baking business, we feel that we are in a position to give our patrons better service in the future than in the past. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your future patronage, we remain

Very truly,

W. W. Allen & Son

Middletown, Del.

BURSTAN'S POPULAR CORNER STORE

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN MATTING!

We have about 800 yards of matting left and have decided to sell it out at greatly reduced prices.

30c seamless Japanese Matting 20c

25c China Matting 18c

18c China Matting 15c

A rare chance in Ladies' WAISTS

We have bought up the entire line of samples of a large waist manufacturer and are offering them to the public at nearly half their value. These waists were made to sell at from 75c to \$1.00, but we will sell them at 50c.

We have also in our ladies' department a full line of ladies' Wash Suits in all colors at \$2.50 to \$5.00; ladies' Princess dresses, white and colors, \$2.40 to \$6.00; wash skirts in stripes and plain colors, 75c to \$1.25; white Petticoats, 50c to \$1.98.

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

Pennsylvania Railroad

BULLETIN.

SUMMER TRIPS AFAR AND NEAR.

Summer days are coming fast. Already vacation days are being discussed in the home and in the office, and in a few weeks the annual exodus to country, seashore and mountain will have been begun.

America abounds with delightful summering places, in valley, on mountain and beside the sea—thousands of resorts whither wend the pilgrims in search of pleasure and recreation.

Pennsylvania Railroad ticket agents now have on sale excursion tickets to the greater number of these resorts; by the first week in June there will be about eight hundred points covered by Pennsylvania Railroad summer excursion tickets.

From the rock-bound bays of Newfoundland to the sunny slopes of the Virginia shores; from the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee; along the forty beaches of New Jersey; even to the far coast of the Pacific Ocean, these summer resorts stand ready to entertain the transient or all-summer guest.

Any Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Agent will cheerfully give information concerning routes and fares to these resorts, enabling summer pilgrims to plan their outing at a minimum of time and cost.

Information may also be secured by addressing Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia; C. Stodde, D. P. A.; 263 Fifth Avenue, New York City; Wm. Pedrick, Jr., D. P. A.; 1433 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia; Thos. E. Watt, D. P. A., 401 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh; B. P. Fraser, D. P. A., 307 Main Street, Buffalo; H. Hanson, D. P. A., Baltimore and Calvert Streets, Baltimore; B. M. Newbold, D. P. A., Fifteenth and G Streets, Washington; D. C. Weile, D. P. A., 11 South Fifth Street, Reading; Jas. P. Anderson, D. T. A., Union Station, Pittsburgh; or E. Youngman, D. T. A., Williamsport, Pa.

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The home of good garden and flour seed. We have selected these from the best seedmen in the country, so if you want a good harvest you must plant good seed.

MATTINGS
Our new mattings, both China and Japanese are in. Very handsome. Long straw, reversible, in beautiful carpet effect striped or flowered designs. Japanese mattings at 25, 28, 30, 35 to 60c per yard, cut. Less for whole roll. China mattings at 15, 20 to 25c per yard, cut. Less for whole roll.

Potter's new oil cloth for floor, table, stair and shelves. Some pretty patterns to select from.

New muslins, India linen, long cloth cambric, Persian lawn, etc.

Table linen, towel crash and towels. A lot of Bates' seersucker in pretty patterns. We have some splendid values in brooms, scrub, white-wash and dust brushes.

Don't forget our line of Colgate's Toilet goods.

When in need of fine and fancy groceries, foreign and domestic fruits, also fresh vegetable call on us. We shall endeavor to give you goods that will satisfy and please you or money refunded.

Goods delivered from 7.30 A. M. to 12 noon, also from 4 to 6 P. M.

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—7:25 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 6:05 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:25 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 6:05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Marlville 9:20 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 9, 1909

Local News

Asparagus Roots—8000 Palmetto at STEARNS'.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown, Phone 18.

Give your little chicks a good start by using Chick Food, at EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

After June first, the Library hours will be: Tuesday, 7 to 8:30; Friday, 7 to 8:30 and Saturday 3 to 5 P. M.

Mr. Julian H. Ford has purchased a lot on East Cochran street, and will have erected thereon during the summer, a modern dwelling.

Dr. J. C. Sites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown, Phone 18.

The harvesting of wheat has commenced in Texas, and it is said that the average will not be 15 bushels to the acre, due to prolonged drought.

Send your items and personal notices into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

50,000 Sweet Potato Plants, \$2.00 per 1000 at STEARNS'.

Just received 40 fine Irish linen coat suits, all colors, some lace trimmed others plain, valued at \$15.00, to go at \$2.98 to \$7.50.

ANNOUNCEMENT—I wish to inform my patrons that I am now making my own ice cream, and can serve you with all flavors either by the gallon or in bricks. Special prices for festivals, picnics and other waiting large quantities. All orders filled promptly.—Wholesale and retail.

Mrs. ROSA WEBER.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5.

J. E. L. SHERMAN.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending May 27th: Mrs. Treacy Arlington, Mrs. Doll Carter, Mrs. Annie R. Jones, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mr. Chas. Ferrel, Lenard Price.

Strawberry Plants—10,000 best varieties at STEARNS'.

If you are thinking of buying a finger ring, princess dress case and see ours, all colors, about 75 dresses to choose from, each one a different style and price. Value \$50 to \$250, to go at \$3.95 to \$10.00.

A. FOGEL.

The Town Commissioners have a force of men at work on West Main street, where the old trolley tracks were removed. A portion of the street has been plowed, and the dirt and old stone will be removed, and crushed granite will be placed on the street, and will undoubtedly make a great improvement to that section of our town.

During the middle of this month a party of twelve Congressmen will go through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and the Delaware River preparatory to making a report relative to the inland channel along the Atlantic Coast. The Congressmen will meet in Philadelphia on June 11 and examine the port of that city and then make an inspection of the canal.

The strawberry festival, held on the lawn adjoining Bethesda M. E. Church on Tuesday evening by the Sabbath school of the Church, was a decided success socially and financially. A pleasing feature was the automobile ride to and from Odessa, which netted more than \$10. Some disappointment was manifested because one of the machines failed to make its appearance.

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a Bazaar to-day in the store-room recently occupied by Mr. William Brockton, on North Broad street. The Union is trying to raise money for an especially important cause, and hope the public will help them. Send in something good, and then go to the Bazaar and buy it back.

Two colored men, who claimed their home in North Carolina, stole a watch in Middletown last Monday and were traced to Clayton by telephone, were located and arrested by W. M. Boyer and turned over to the railroad detectives there. They were returned to Middletown and given a hearing before Squire A. G. Cox, who commit them to the workhouse.

Mrs. Albert Price entertained a few friends last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Ethel Massey, of Lambertville, N. J. Those present were: Miss Agnes Clark, Miss Alice and Tressa Dreka, Miss Ethel Massey, Misses Spurgeon, Miss Agnes Crowley, Miss Prudence Lewis, Miss Louise Echebuer, and Messrs. M. Keegan, William Lockwood, Louis Dreka, Gilbert Clark, John Heidmeyer, Julian Cleaver, Elmer Price and Hampton Johns.

If you are interested in securing ice cream for festivals, let us have your order for as large an amount as you expect to be able to use. Then if the weather is not good or the crowd is not as large as you expected, return to us in perfectly good order the cream you do not sell and we will be glad to take this off your hands for you. Don't forget we handle the very best ice cream obtainable and fill large orders on short notice.

MIDDLETOWN FARM.
Alexander Moody died at his late residence in Hartley on Saturday afternoon, after an illness of two years, from a complication of diseases. Deceased lost his eyesight about two years ago, and has been failing in health since that time. Mr. Moody was 74 years of age, and was born and lived in this section the greater part of his life. For many years he was engaged in farming on the W. R. Polk farm near Odessa. The remains were brought here on Wednesday and interment was made in Forest Cemetery.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. A. F. Fogel spent this week in New York buying new goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor spent Sunday in Havre de Grace, Md.

Mrs. T. S. Fourness spent this week with her sister in Milford.

Mrs. L. V. Davidson, of Philadelphia, visited friends here this week.

Dr. Martin Barr, of Elwyn, Pa., spent last Sunday with his mother here.

Mr. Herman Wilson, of Philadelphia, was a Middletown visitor last week.

Mrs. F. E. Conneys is at home, after a two weeks visit in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ann E. Shepherd is spending this week with her son at Rising Sun, Md.

Miss Addie Davis is spending several weeks with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. R. Cochran is spending some time at Elwyn, Pa., and other places.

Miss Clara Vaughan, of Milford, has been visiting Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine.

Mr. T. G. Gilpin, of Wilmington, was the guest of relatives here on Monday.

Miss Marion Cochran left this week for Elwyn, Pa., where she will spend some months.

Mrs. Marcellus Jones, of Ridley Park, Pa., spent this week with Mrs. J. R. Hoffacker.

Miss Ethel Massey, of Lambertville, N. J., was the guest of Mr. Albert Price this week.

Misses Effie and May Jones, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

Mr. Gilbert Clark, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark.

Miss Mary Pennington, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Cox on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Cronch, of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Mrs. M. S. Stanger has returned home from Philadelphia, where she has been spending some time.

Miss Nan Spurgeon, of Baltimore, was the guest of her sister, Miss Mildred Spurgeon over Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Mendinall, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with her father, Mr. C. P. Cochran.

Miss A. Louise Reynolds, of New York, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Miss Fannie Derrickson, of New York, spent part of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Derrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fogue and two children, of Camden, N. J., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Cox.

Rev. F. H. Moore officiated at the marriage of Miss Lillie Robb and Mr. William R. Hall, at Phoenixville, Pa., on Wednesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth R. Hall was in Phoenixville this week, attending the wedding of her brother, Mr. William Rankin Hall and Miss Lillie Robb, both of Phoenixville.

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis will leave on Monday next for Atlantic City, where the Doctor will attend the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, which will meet in that city. Dr. Lewis will be absent for one week.

TELEPHONES FOR RURAL DISTRICTS.

One of the great disadvantages of living in the country is the fact that one is often obliged to travel considerable distances to talk with a neighbor or transact some matter of business which cannot be attended to in the immediate vicinity.

The rural free delivery has done much to assist the farmer in attending to his affairs at a distance, but this at best takes considerable time and often matters which need immediate attention cannot be settled without inconvenience and delay. This drawback to the best condition for promoting business in the country is readily realized by those living in such districts which have not a ready means of communication and they are quick to appreciate the great benefit and convenience which the rural telephone has brought to such sections. The fundamental principle of success in agricultural pursuits as well as other forms of business is to accomplish the greatest amount of work in the least possible time with the least labor. As an approach to this condition much has been done for the farmer in the development of various forms of machinery for making each operation in farm work less laborious and more speedily accomplished.

Even with such facilities at hand the farmer is still greatly handicapped if he is yet without a ready and effective means of communicating with the outside world and he finds that his business is hampered to an extent that cannot be estimated when he compares the condition of his community with those sections which have the advantage of telephone service. Aside from facilitating business, the telephone in the rural districts has done much to promote the social side of country life. Those who have a short distance apart do not always find it convenient to take a walk across the fields or drive through the country in order to exchange ideas or have a social chat.

The telephone annihilates this inconvenient distance; bringing an additional comfort and pleasure into the home by removing from country life the disadvantage of complete isolation. The telephone has done much service and is indispensable in cases of sickness where a physician must be summoned without delay. The time required to dispatch a messenger for the doctor may result in the loss of a valuable life and the additional sense of security which the telephone gives should in itself repay the small outlay necessary to obtain the service. The Bell Telephone Co. has done much towards promoting the growth of rural communities by offering to the local companies rural lines, which are built and owned by the farmers, connection over their system at a nominal rate. In this way the farmer is able to communicate not only with those in his immediate vicinity but with the country at large as well.

The rapid growth of the rural telephone service serves to show that the value of this class of service has been much appreciated by those living in the country, and that they have been anxious to improve the conditions of their communities by bringing them in touch with the outside world. The Western Electric Co. has been working on their rural proposition in this territory, and it is hoped the results may be beneficial to the community.

THE CONVENTION MADE NO CHANGES

Episcopal Churchmen Left Several Matters for Next Convention

SKYRNA, JUNE 8.—The afternoon meeting of the 123rd session of the Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention held in St. Peter's Church, this town, yesterday, was called to order by the president, Bishop Kinkaid, at 2:30 o'clock.

It was decided to hold the 124th convention at Laurel on the first Wednesday in June, 1910.

A proposal to change the date of the convention from the first Wednesday in June to the second Wednesday in May was carried over to be decided at the next convention.

Another change proposed was the adoption of a fixed date for the ending of the parochial year. This was left to the consideration of the next convention.

A debate was started by an amendment offered by Rev. Frederick M. Kirkus of Trinity Church, Wilmington, in reference to the two-thirds vote in the election of bishop. Rev. W. H. Higgins, Archdeacon of the Diocese, seconded the proposed amendment. Rev. H. B. Phelps, Rev. F. M. Kirkus and Rev. H. W. Wells spoke in favor of it.

The motion was lost by a standing vote, 16 to 28. The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Kirkus.

Several other amendments were offered and laid on the table.

After prayer by the bishop the convention adjourned at 4:30 o'clock.

The following committees were appointed at the morning session by the president, Rev. William H. Laird.

Standing committee—Rev. Kenney J. Hammond, Rev. Hamilton B. Phelps, Rev. R. Leighton McKim, Hon. Edward G. Bradford, Charles M. Curtis, Esq.

Definite to the last general convention—Rev. George C. Hall, D. D., Rev. Kenney J. Hammond, Rev. Frederick M. Kirkus, Rev. G. Valerie Gilreath, Hon. Edward G. Bradford, George A. Elliott, Esq., Henry B. Thompson, Lorenzo B. Cannon.

Supplementary deputies—Rev. Hamilton B. Phelps, Rev. J. Leighton McKim, Rev. C. H. B. Turner, Rev. Charles B. Sparks, Joseph Swift, William E. Waters, Dr. W. P. Orr, Jr., Harry V. Lyons.

Missionary and Educational Committee—Rev. Frederick M. Kirkus, Rev. William H. Laird, Messrs. Charles E. Dubell and John S. Grobe.

Committee on Constitution and Canons—Rev. Hubert W. Wells, 1913; Rev. George C. Hall, D. D., 1912; Rev. J. Leighton McKim, 1911; George A. Elliott, Esq., 1910; Hon. E. G. Bradford, 1914.

Committee on the Delaware Churchman—Rev. H. B. Phelps, Rev. Henry Olmstead, Rev. Joseph R. Peckham, Charles B. Palmer, John S. Grobe, J. Gaylord Bragdon.

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JUNE BRIDES

VATGRIAN-NOWLAND

A very pretty home wedding took place on Tuesday, when Miss Maria Hepburn Nowland became the bride of Dr. Edward M. Vaughan. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, on Cass street, by Rev. Percy L. Donaghy, rector of St. Anne's P. E. Church and was a very quiet affair. Only the immediate members of the two families were present, with Rev. and Mrs. Donaghy and Mr. William G. Lockwood, who was best man. The house was trimmed with roses and mock-orange blossoms. Little Miss Mildred Vaughan, a niece of the groom, was flower girl. The bride wore white crepe-de-chine trimmed with duchesse lace, and her going away gown was brown pongee, with hat, gloves and shoes to match.

Dr. and Mrs. Vaughan left in an automobile for Wilmington, from which place they started on a wedding tour, after which they will make a short visit with relatives of the bride on Long Island. They will make their home here where the groom has a large practice.

Those present were: Mrs. Henry A. Nowland, Miss Mary B. Nowland, Miss Emma Blackiston, Mrs. Eliza A. Vaughan, mother of the groom, and Miss Clara Vaughan, sister of the groom, of Milton; Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine, Miss Mildred Vaughan, Rev. and Mrs. Percy L. Donaghy and Mr. William G. Lockwood.

HALL-ROBB

In the presence of six hundred guests from many states, Miss Lillie Belle Robb, the elder daughter of Mr. John Robb and William Rankin Hall, were the principals Wednesday evening at the most brilliant marriage ceremony to be performed in Phoenixville, Pa., for many years. The First Presbyterian Church, the scene of the wedding, was a veritable bower of beauty, the interior of the edifice being decorated with a profusion of white flowers and plants and included in the decorative scheme was a beautiful altar set in a mass of daisies and peonies and flanked by four columns of spruce.

The bride is well known in Phoenixville, where she has been a leader in the younger set since her debut. She is a petite brunette, and has always been a social favorite in her home town.

The bridegroom is a native of Delaware, and a son of Mrs. Mary A. Hall of this town, and equally well known in Phoenixville, where he has lived practically from the time of his graduating from the engineering school of Lehigh University in the class of 1902. He is employed in the engineering department of the Phoenix Bridge Company.

The wedding ceremony was performed at seven o'clock by the Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., of this town, assisted by the Rev. George N. Herzig, the pastor of the church, of which the bride is a communicant.

The wedding march was played by Mr. N. E. MacCallum. As the bride party approached the altar, Mr. Ralph E. Seltzer, of Philadelphia, one of the masters of honor, sang "Here Comes the Bride."

The bride was gowned in satin duchesse, trimmed with rose point lace and wore her mother's wedding veil of tulle, fastened to the hair by a spray of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and orchids.

In the bridal party were Mrs. Alexander D. Robb, of Niagara Falls, and Mrs. Ralph E. Seltzer, of Philadelphia, matrons of honor; Miss May Cox, of Phoenixville, maid of honor, and Miss Nancy Robb, the bride's sister, second maid of honor. The bridesmaids were the Misses Caroline M. Fitzwater, Anne Gillykron, of Phoenixville; Eugenie Heron, of Germantown; and Susan C. Hunt, of Philadelphia. The best man was Thomas M. Hall, of Pittsburg, a brother of the groom, and the ushers were John A. Robb, of Philadelphia, the bride's brother; Samuel A. Yorkes, of Phoenixville, and Carl R. Camp, of Montrose.

A reception attended by about three hundred guests was held immediately after the ceremony at the beautifully decorated Robb home on South Main street. About ten thirty o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Hall were driven to the Devon Inn and Thursday morning left Philadelphia for New York. From there they will go to Boston by boat and from there they will continue their journey, after a short stay in Boston, to Halifax, Nova Scotia. They will return about the first of July to Phoenixville, by the way of the Canadian border and the Great Lakes. They will be at home in Phoenixville to their friends after July 15th.

The bride received a multitude of handsome presents of gold and silver, china, cut glass, jewelry and other beautiful gifts.

BEASTON-BACKWORTH

The marriage of Mr. A. Lindell Beaton and Miss Anna B. Backworth, both prominent young people of Bohemia Manor, Cecil Co., Md., was quietly solemnized on Tuesday evening, June first, at St. Joseph's Rectory, Middletown. The ceremony was performed by Father C. A. Crowley.

SHOT IN FRONT OF HOME

Mrs. Kelsa Bradford, wife of William Bradford, was shot three times by Edward S. Bacon about six o'clock Monday evening, on the steps in front of her home at 419 East Fifth street, Wilmington. She was taken to the Delaware Hospital, where her condition was reported to be serious. Divorce proceedings are now pending in the Circuit Court for Cecil County, Md., of Mr. Bradford, who is a well-known engineer on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad, from his wife, and Bacon, who is a brakeman on the same road, is named as the correspondent in said suit. Bacon when arrested, would make no statement other than to say that he knew what he was doing.

PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAINS

The question of providing an experiment, concrete drinking fountains along the public road for the refreshment of man and beast came before the Levy Court, of Kent County, on Tuesday, on the proposition of B. H. Deery, of Woodside, endorsed by Commissioner George H. Gooden. Delaware has no such running fountains for the relief of the beasts of burden who travel along the market roads. In this case Mr. Deery will maintain the waters supply, from the pipes, if the county will pay \$25 for the fountain. The Court will probably establish this one as an experiment.

LOST LIFE AT CRAP GAME

Colored Man Dies at Hospital From Gunshot Wound

Monday afternoon at St. Augustine, Md., a crowd of young negroes were engaged in a crap game, which was followed by an altercation in which John Stewart shot and fatally wounded George Benson. The injured man was hurried to the Union Hospital at Elkton, Md., where he died of his injuries about two o'clock Tuesday morning. Both Benson and Stewart were about twenty-five years of age. Sheriff Hager drove to the scene of the shooting, but Stewart saw him coming and eluded him. State's Attorney Constable and Coroner J. Frank Frazer also visited the scene of the shooting to make investigations, but as yet Stewart has not been apprehended.

Briefly, the facts disclosed at the inquest were as follows:—Benson, who was under the influence of liquor, accused Stewart of having stolen a dollar from him in the crap game, which Stewart denied. Benson, who had a stout club in his hand, started toward Stewart, when the latter ordered him to stop. Benson did stop and throw away his club, but again started toward Stewart, who drew a revolver and fired four shots, the last with fatal effect. Stewart made no effort to escape at first, but told of the shooting and said Benson was reaching in his pocket as if to draw a gun when he shot him. But when the sheriff arrived Stewart took flight and outran the official, and escaped him by hiding.

Benson's ante-mortem statement, as related by the physicians who attended him, corresponded to the above except that he claimed he was not reaching toward his pocket, and that he called to Stewart he did not intend to hurt him. The officials will spare no effort to apprehend Stewart, for whom a lookout is being kept in both Maryland and Delaware.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. D. D. Collins, of Wilmington, visited her parents here Sunday and Monday.

Miss Mary Money had as her guest Sunday and Monday, Mr. Gordon Naylor and Miss Helen Broughton, of Wilmington, and Mr. William Ames, of Roxborough.

Miss Mammie Townsend, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days of this week with her sister Mrs. Walter Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Daniels and daughter, of Wilmington, have returned home after a few days visit with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yerges, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. M. B. Donovan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crossan, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. George Daniels and family a few days last week.

Mr. L. B. Lee, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Lee.

Mrs. James Lee and son and Mrs. Harry Gill, spent Saturday at Elkton.

Quite a number from here attended the Commencement at Cecilton, on Monday evening.

The Ladies Aid Society was very pleasantly entertained at the home of W. A. Scott on Tuesday evening. The evening was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake.

Mr. Martin Lee, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his mother Mrs. Maggie Lee, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Mary Money and daughter Miss Mary spent Wednesday with Mr. James Carpenter and family, of near Middletown.

Dr. T. A. Eno was the guest of his son Thomas, at Annapolis on Saturday.

Mrs. William A. Lee and children, of near town, have been spending a few days with her parents near Kenton.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. J. Groome Steele spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Waitman Smithers spent Saturday at Harrington, Del.

Delmar Curry, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. J. M. Ogden is visiting relatives at Bountown, N. J.

Miss Lucy Reed entertained several friends Friday evening.

Clarence Noland, of Wilmington, was a town visitor over Sunday.

James Vaughan, of Goldie College, visited his parents this week.

Mrs. Les Elliott and son, of Newark, are visiting Mrs. H. W. Kibler.

J. W. Johnson and George N. Bennett spent Saturday in Wilmington.

The Chesapeake City base ball team defeated the Elkton team in a very exciting game Monday afternoon, the score being 4 to 3.

Miss Julia Beaton visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beaton, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lovett, of Camden, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens.

Miss Elizabeth Spring was entertained by Miss Elizabeth Cooling several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boulden, of Philadelphia, are spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. L. G. Griffith.

Misses Elsie Karstner and Dora Steele and Harry Sherman took a trip to Delaware City Wednesday on the Linda.

Messrs. Frank Williams and Dunlap Closson, of Trenton, N. J., were the guests of Mrs. Thomas Murray over Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Willis has left for Ashtopol, N. C., where she will spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Stevens.

A surprise party was tendered Charles Price Friday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Price, near town.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Graves and sons, Edwin and Reed, of Marietta, Pa., are spending the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Reed.

Mrs. G. Naylor Davis, Mrs. George W. Padley, Mrs. S. Wills Luby and Miss Emma Luby, of Cecilton, were recent visitors from Mrs. Byron Bouchelle.

Mrs. John Gilmore, Mrs. Joel Kingsland and Ray Hallman, of Philadelphia; Mrs. John Davis and Mrs. Louise Shadrack, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Talmage.

COMMENCEMENT AT DELAWARE

The Commencement exercises of Delaware College, which begin with the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday evening, June 13th, by the Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D., of Philadelphia, and ends with the Farewell Hop to the Seniors on Wednesday evening, June 16th, will be extremely interesting to all friends of this State institution. After a most successful year, marked by the largest attendance in its history, by enlarged grants of money from the State and Federal Government, and by markedly increased efficiency in equipment and instruction, this old college once more opens the door of hospitality to its alumni and their friends.

Monday, June 14th, has been especially set apart as Farmers' Day. Director Hayward has secured Professor Spillman of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to speak on "Some Economic Phases of Agriculture." A cordial invitation is extended to Delaware farmers and their families to visit the farm and the college. The Class Day Exercises at 3 P. M. will, as usual, attract the friends of the Seniors.

WINNIE AND THE WIDOWER

BY EMERIO HOLME-BEA'MAN

It's the first time, said Winnie, letting her eyes droop, its the first time that we have been quite alone together—since it happened.

The widower seemed struck by the circumstance.

Yes, he replied considering, I believe it is—I positively believe it is.

I hope, she said timidly, I hope you've got over it—by now?

The widower reflected.

I think I have, he answered conscientiously; I am almost sure I have. You see I have been trying hard—travelling and all that sort of thing, you know. I finished up at Monte Carlo. The place cheered me wonderfully; I lost quite a lot of money at the tables.

I think that was very wrong of you, said Winnie sternly. Gambling is wicked.

Ah—but if you know what a relief it was to be able to do something wicked again, sighed the widower, you would overlook it. Do you know, I was gradually becoming almost too good to live. It gave me quite a shock when I realized it. My constitution would not have stood the strain much longer I am certain.

The older men grow, the worse they get, declared Winnie, with the air of one delivering a profound epigram.

That, of course, is the natural tendency, he admitted. It doesn't do to check it—beyond a certain point. It's like suppressing measles.

What is? she asked regarding her fan.

Curbing man's natural tendency to grow worse, he explained, beyond a certain point. It often leads to more dangerous complications.

In your case I do trust, exclaimed Winnie, in a tone of extreme solicitude, that the complications have not yet become as bad as all that?

Fortunately—no, he assured her, Monte Carlo just saved me. You have no idea what an excellent safety-valve for suppressed tendencies Monte Carlo is. It's a most terribly wicked place.

I should love to go there, she sighed.

The widower gazed at her with cold disapproval.

I am surprised to hear you express an inclination of that sort! he said sternly. You have no tendencies that require artificial evaporation.

Of course not, said Winnie hastily. How dare you suggest such a thing?

The suggestion was yours, he pointed out judicially. You implied—

I didn't, she interrupted, blushing. I merely meant I should love the scenery.

Oh, said the widower, looking relieved, the scenery, of course. The scenery, I may say, is beautiful. The sea is a kind of greenish-blue tint, and there are, I believe, hills and things, and the Casino is quite a fine building—especially inside. The trees—

Oh, never mind the trees! interrupted Winnie impatiently. I wanted to talk to you about something else. I wanted to—

to console with you.

Thanks, he murmured. I shall be very pleased, I'm sure.

Pleased? she regarded him severely.

I mean pleased to be consoled with, he explained, by you.

It must have been a great blow, observed Winnie, in a tone of detached commiseration.

It was—she never expected it, he sighed.

I meant a blow to you, corrected Winnie.

Oh—to me! I suppose it was; yes, no doubt it was—though I managed somehow to bear up.

Ne to cede malis—you have read Virgil?

No—I haven't, she declared with unnecessary vehemence.

I beg pardon, said the widower, humbly. Yes, I pulled through somehow—

With the help of travel—and Monte Carlo, suggested Winnie a little maliciously.

Precisely, he agreed, quite unoffended. And if you have done consoled, we—

I've not done, she interposed. Though I don't believe you require to be consoled with a bit.

What's the good of a man pretending to be sorry when he isn't?

That's exactly what I say, remarked the widower, brightening. What's the good?

Well, then, don't pretend, she retorted.

Certainly not, if you wish it,

he asserted cheerfully. Let us talk about—

No, put in Winnie, firmly, not yet. It's—hardly decent, I think, to dismiss a melancholy subject in such an off-hand way.

Well, perhaps not, agreed the widower, in a resigned tone.

Only, if it's all the same to you, I—

It isn't she cut him short.

The widower spread out his hands deprecatingly.

Of course, he admitted, with an amiable smile.

Winnie was silent for a moment. Then she looked up suddenly, fixing her large, blue, childish eyes on the widower's abstracted countenance. I can't think, she protested, what on earth ever made you marry her.

The widower withdrew his gaze slowly from vacancy and let it rest on her face with mild wonder. You didn't know my wife, he remarked, cryptically.

I don't see that, that would have helped to explain what made you marry her, persisted Winnie.

It would have helped immensely, he corrected. It would have afforded a complete and satisfactory explanation, in fact.

Winnie shook her head.

I don't understand, she admitted. It has puzzled me ever since—especially as—as—She faltered and blushed.

Exactly, said the widower. Especially as that was the case.

Don't be absurd! exclaimed Winnie wrathfully. All the same, I should like to know, she added, with true feminine pertinacity, what made you marry her?

Shall I tell you? he asked calmly.

Do, please, entreated Winnie.

She did, said the widower.

She did? What do you mean?

I mean that she made me marry her, explained the widower, patiently.

Your wife demanded Winnie, opening wide eyes of amazement upon him.

Yes. She was a woman of most extraordinary determination. She was very rich, too. He sighed. Money is such a power, he added.

Then, said Winnie, with an air of stern rebuke, it was not a love match at all?

Well, perhaps not exactly what you would describe as a love match, he conceded; although she pretended to be very devoted to me. I may add that she had a rather remarkable way of showing her devotion at times.

What sort of a remarkable way? inquired Winnie, becoming interested. Did she pet you too much?

Hardly too much, replied the widower reflectively. You see, the poor girl had a somewhat fiery temper. She was terribly jealous—entirely, oh, quite entirely—without cause, he hastened to add. Nevertheless, she would not allow me on any consideration to speak to a woman under forty-five.

That must have been a great hardship, murmured Winnie.

I could have supported it with equanimity, he sighed. But she latterly developed various uncomfortable eccentricities.

Among other things, she became a vegetarian, and compelled me to live on herbs like herself. She embraced the absurd theory that two meals a day were enough for human beings to subsist upon, and from that moment I never knew what it was not to feel hungry. It was this practice, I believe, that eventually carried her off.

She—she was not very young? hazarded Winnie.

Poor girl! No! She—had been, I believe. But she outgrew it. She was in her sixty-fourth year when she expired.

Sixty-four! exclaimed Winnie. Sixty-three! he corrected.

Oh—! ejaculated Winnie in a long-drawn gasp. And you—you were only twenty-five when you married her?

When she married me, the widower interposed mildly. Yes; I couldn't help that, you know. It was three years now, so I became considerably older as we went along.

She was old enough to have been your grandmother! exclaimed Winnie indignantly.

True; but she would never have consented to act in that relation toward me—though, of course, I should have preferred it, if it could have been arranged.

I feel, declared Winnie severely, that we are treating the subject much too flippantly.

I feel that, too, he agreed.

Marriage, she continued, ignoring his interruption, even with

an elderly lady, is a subject that should be discussed in a spirit of proper reverence. Marriage is a beautiful and romantic idea—

Yes, he said, Go on.

It is, said Winnie, warming to her theme, the most blissful state in which human beings can exist—

Pardon me, interrupted the widower, but do you think this "blissful" is exactly the right word to—to express your idea.

Certainly, said Winnie, with asperity.

Cases have been known, he observed, in an impersonal tone, where there has been quite a regrettable absence of this particular ingredient, I believe. For instance, if your wife is a vegetarian—

Food has nothing to do with marriage, retorted Winnie.

The widower shook his head sadly.

You've not been married, he sighed; so you don't know.

That's true, conceded Winnie, meditatively. I don't know—at least not yet—

There's no reason why you shouldn't, put in the widower, with sudden eagerness.

Oh, but I am not sure that I want to, she objected.

You would then enjoy the advantage of being in a position to prove your assertion, he urged.

About food? she inquired innocently.

And—the other things, he added. The romantic beauty and the blissfulness, you know.

And supposing I found—when it was too late—that I was wrong? she demurred.

You wouldn't, said the widower with emphasis. You would find that—in your case—theory and practice would entirely coincide.

To begin with, you—are not a vegetarian.

But, protested Winnie, my husband might insist upon making me become one.

I can answer for him, said the widower decisively. Do you know Winnie—by the way, you don't mind my calling you Winnie, do you? You see, I have known you ever since you were a baby—

You have known me just six years, corrected Winnie sternly. Since I was sixteen.

Really! said the widower in astonishment. I fancied—I imagined—I was quite under the impression, in fact, that I had known you much longer.

Well, you haven't, said Winnie. And I should think that's quite long enough.

Quite, he agreed, for the purpose. And Winnie has always struck me as being the very prettiest name a girl could have.

I didn't say you could! she exclaimed.

I have a wonderful way of taking things for granted, explained the widower airily. But, do you know, it just occurred to me—while you were talking, and while you were showing me what a beautiful thing marriage might be with a sweet girl (who wasn't a vegetarian)—it just occurred to me that I was most frightfully fond of you—

Oh, said Winnie, rising. There's the next dance beginning, and I—

Sit down, said the widower, placing a detaining hand on her arm. Never mind the next dance. What do you think I came here for to-night? I didn't come to dance. I came to see you. I have been waiting to see you for—

for months; but they told me you were engaged, and I kept away.

I—I broke it off, she murmured, looking down.

Was—was he a vegetarian? he asked anxiously.

Winnie raised her eyes to his, and her cheeks suddenly turned crimson.

No, but—I—

The widower gave a little triumphant laugh.

My darling, he whispered in her ear, we can make it up to each other all the rest of our lives.

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TEN BILLION POSTAGE STAMPS

The chief revenues of the Post Office Department are derived from sales of stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and so forth.

Uncle Sam's postage stamps are manufactured by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington; the stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers are made under departmental supervision, under contract, by a private corporation whose factory is located at Dayton, O., while his postal cards are made under similar conditions at Hamford, Me. From these points distribution is made to post offices throughout the country upon requisition of postmasters, duly approved by the department.

Postage-stamped paper issued during the year aggregated \$176,974,190.94, an increase of \$3,967,713.97 over 1907. The total number of pieces of stamped paper was 9,772,000,000; an increase of 440,140,000; books of stamps, 18,213,310, an increase of 699,610. That the issue of postage stamps will cross the ten billion mark during the fiscal year 1909 is confidently anticipated.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C., May 29th, 1909.

THE test vote taken on the income tax question in the Senate this week, it believed to foreshadow a victory for the Republican leaders in their plan to refer both the Bailey and Cummins amendments to the Judiciary Committee. The vote to defer consideration of the income tax amendments until June 10th means that so amendments to provide for special taxes will be taken up by the Senate until the schedule of the tariff bill is adopted and it is the intention, of course, of the Finance Committee to show that the new customs duties will raise sufficient revenue to support the government and that any special tax is wholly unnecessary.

The sensational character of the dispatches sent out from Washington concerning certain defective armor plates which have been found in the construction of the battleships North Dakota and Delaware, is greatly deprecated by the officials at the Navy Department. They explain that defective plates always are and always have been found from time to time; that it is not known what causes the blisters and, therefore, it has been impossible thus far to prevent their occasional occurrence. It has been the custom, heretofore, merely to reject the plates when found defective, without saying anything about it, but recently the department has adopted a new policy. As nothing was to be gained by secrecy, no effort is now made to conceal the fact that such defective plates have been found and rejected, although the first information to reach the public has received wholly unwarranted prominence.

Representative Hayes has acted on the suggestion made by Representative Taft recently at a dinner tendered by a number of Washington business men, in introducing a resolution in the House, this week, providing for the restoration of the District of Columbia of the land which was ceded to Virginia in 1846, and which prior to that time has been a part of the District of Columbia. This land comprises many thousands of acres in Alexandria County, across the Potomac River from Washington and is used chiefly for agricultural purposes, although the town of Alexandria is included. Mr. Hayes' resolution provides that this land be again made part of the District, except the town of Alexandria, and authorizes the President to open negotiations through the War Department and to complete the transfer by July 1st, 1910, and authorizes an appropriation of \$100,000 for the transaction. In his address to the business men the President expressed the opinion that the act of Congress in receding the land to Virginia was unconstitutional and that the District of Columbia should regain it. Mr. Hayes' resolution has been referred to the District of Columbia Committee and will not be acted on until the next session, but Representative Hayes believes that President Taft's interest in the plan will insure its passage.

President Taft and Secretary Knox are not a little disturbed over the reports which reach them of conditions in Cuba. It seems that the new Cuban government is just awakening to its freedom from American restraint and is in a fair way to muddle the finances of the island if it does precipitate a national bankruptcy.

The government is devoting its energies to the indulgence of various and numerous extravaganzas while making small effort to supply the treasury of the island with funds. Those familiar with Cuban affairs know that unless this epoch of extravagance is soon checked it will precipitate a situation such as to cause the foreign creditors of Cuba to turn to the United States for assistance, making necessary another assumption of authority over the island. President Taft considers the situation down there far from satisfactory and is much concerned over it.

The action of Senator Bailey in so far forgetting himself as to indulge in a flippant encounter with a Washington representative of a metropolitan daily is much censured throughout official circles, and by his conduct he has completely justified the expectations of those who have long believed that with brass knuckles and a blackjack he could down any man half his size, provided he could succeed first in hitting him from behind. This is not the first demonstration that Mr. Bailey has given of his inability to control his temper and while such outbursts are always seriously deplored by his colleagues, they injure no one but the Texan who has thereby impaired his standing almost hopelessly.

President Taft will have conferred on him, on June 24, honorary membership in the first blue lodge of Mason composed entirely of Americans in Great Britain, and the President says that on the occasion of the opening of the new lodge he will send a cable message of congratulation.

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